GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:649
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Indians Stranded in Libya
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether at least 1,800 Indians are still in the Libya and may need to be rescued through an emergency evacuation soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether recently many Indians were killed in Libya; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M.J. AKBAR)

(a) & (b) There are around 1750 Indian nationals in Libya. The evacuation of Indian nationals in Libya began in July, 2014 and we evacuated 3750 Indian nationals since then. Our Mission in Tripoli continues to render assistance to those Indian nationals willing to return to India. Indian nationals currently in Libya are due to their own volition.

(c) & (d) An Indian nurse, Ms. Sonu Sathyan from Kerala and her infant son, Pravan Vipin Kumar died on 25 March, 2015 during the clashes between two rival groups in Zawiya (about 45 KM from Tripoli). The Mission rendered all assistance for transportation of mortal remains of the deceased and travel arrangements for her husband, who was in Libya along with the deceased.